

# Council agenda full with public hearings on three considerations

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## Banks Fire District #13

Abbreviations: EMS, Emergency Medical Service; MVA, Motor Vehicle Accident

### JANUARY 2003

|        |                    |
|--------|--------------------|
| Jan 1  | - MVA              |
| Jan 2  | - EMS Assist (2)   |
| Jan 3  | - EMS Assist       |
| Jan 4  | - MVA              |
| Jan 5  | - MVA              |
| Jan 6  | - Illegal Burn     |
| Jan 7  | - MVA              |
| Jan 8  | - EMS Assist       |
| Jan 9  | - EMS Assist       |
| Jan 10 | - Brush fire       |
| Jan 11 | - MVA              |
| Jan 15 | - EMS Assist       |
| Jan 16 | - EMS Assist       |
| Jan 17 | - Power Lines Down |
| Jan 18 | - EMS Assist       |
| Jan 19 | - EMS Assist       |
| Jan 21 | - EMS Assist       |
| Jan 22 | - EMS Assist       |
| Jan 23 | - Car fire         |
| Jan 24 | - EMS Assist       |
| Jan 25 | - MVA              |
| Jan 26 | - Residential Fire |
| Jan 27 | - Residential Fire |
| Jan 28 | - Commercial Fire  |
| Jan 29 | - Car Fire         |
| Jan 30 | - MVA              |
| Jan 31 | - Sick Person      |
| Jan 32 | - Chest Pain       |
| Jan 33 | - Public Assist    |
| Jan 34 | - Trauma           |
| Jan 35 | - Auto Alarm       |
| Jan 36 | - Mutual Aid       |

the property title that would notify interested parties of action pending between the city and the property owner. Council direct Lucas to file the lis pendens and review the situation again next month.

### B-V State Linear Park

City planner K.J. Won reported that a volunteer grant writer will prepare an application for Transportation Enhancement grant funds to extend the Banks-Vernonia Linear Park from the current terminus at Banks Road into downtown Banks. Won told the council that the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department will be a co-applicant, and the project has support from Washington County, the ODOT Region 1 Planning Unit, Oregon Economic and Community Development Department and the Banks Chamber of Commerce. Council approved a resolution supporting the grant request. If the application is approved, funding for the long-awaited project would be available during the 2004-2006 biennium.

### Comprehensive Plan

During a public hearing on the city's periodic review of its Comprehensive Plan, K.J. Won presented an update on work for land use planning Goal 5, which requires insuring open space, protecting scenic and historic areas and natural resources for future generations, and promoting "healthy and visually attractive environments

in harmony with the natural landscape character." The planning commission previously reviewed the work of Won and Associates, and Won presented their recommendations to the council.

The recommendations include a local wetlands inventory (LWI), identification of historic buildings in Banks, continued participation in Clean Water Services (CWS) and development of a wetlands protection ordinance.

The completed LWI identified and mapped all wetlands of one-half acre or larger and assessed them for wildlife habitat, fish habitat, water quality, hydrologic control and educational opportunity. Five areas totaling approximately ten acres were evaluated. None of them qualified as "wetlands of special interest for protection." Four of the five areas met the criteria for classification as locally significant wetlands, as detailed below:

- The area between Arbor Village, the railroad and Hwy. 6 provides intact water quality functions.
- The area east of the high school and between the railroad extending south to Hwy. 6 provides intact water quality and hydrologic control functions and education opportunities.
- The west end of Sunset Park provides wildlife habitat and intact hydrologic control functions.
- The area north of Oak Way

and between Oak Way and Hwy. 6 provides intact water quality functions.

The second part of the recommendations is identification of historic buildings and the designation, subject to owner's consent, for inclusion in the "Historic Resource Overlay Zone." This has also been completed and includes:

- The former U.S. National Bank building, now owned and used by the city.
- The former Banks Junior High, now school district offices.
- The Boy Scout Cabin
- Ruth's Beauty Shop at 130 Main St.
- The Peppard/Moore residence at 281 S. Main St.
- The Steward/Turner residence at 301 Park St.
- Galloway House at 160 Banks Rd.
- Banks Methodist Church

To comply with the protection of natural resource areas and the requirement that long range availability and use of fish and wildlife habitats will not be limited or impaired by development, the city participates as a stakeholder in the Healthy Streams Plan Process. The purpose of the process is to develop a watershed-based plan that integrates the requirements of the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act in a manner that promotes overall stream health. Won told council that the planning commission's recommendation included continuation of the

agreement with CWS.

The final recommendation is development of a wetlands protection ordinance. Won included a draft of the ordinance in his presentation. The entire proposal will be voted on at the February meeting.

In other business council:

- Approved a revised inter-governmental agreement for the Metropolitan Area Communications Commission.
- Approved Greenville Park rental agreement and user fee schedule.
- Heard that the police department's first diversion class was an overwhelming success. The class generated over \$1400, more than the department received during last quarter for regular court procedures.
- Heard from public works that the maintenance shed at the slow sand filter gallery and the flow meter and well-control system at Carsten Reservoir had been completed. Turbidimeters and a computer control system will be installed this month.
- The Parks Committee asked council to consider phasing out the Arbor Village Parks Maintenance Agreement and including the activities covered under that agreement in the city budget. Discussion of the committee's plan will begin at the February meeting. The Parks Committee has openings and anyone interested in serving on the committee should contact city hall.

## Seat belt safety blitz will start Feb. 10th

On Monday February 10, the Washington County Sheriff's Office will start the first of three seat belt safety campaigns for 2003.

The campaign, called "Three Flags," is international, involving law enforcement in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. This first safety blitz for 2003 runs from February 10 through Sunday, February 23. It's timed to coincide with Na-

tional Child Passenger Safety Week and there will be special emphasis placed on children who are improperly restrained.

The purpose of the campaign is to reduce the number of motor vehicle-related deaths and injuries by reminding people to buckle up. While Oregon continues to have one of the highest rates of seat belt use in the nation there is still more work to be done. During the

Sheriff's Office last "Three Flags" safety blitz in September, deputies cited 288 people for seat belt violations.

Just prior to that blitz deputies surveyed the area they planned to blitz for seat belt compliance and found 90 percent of the motorists and their passengers were properly belted. After the blitz, deputies surveyed the same area and found the compliance rate had jumped to 95 percent. Deputies are conducting a pre-blitz survey this week and will conduct another survey after the blitz.

During the two-week increased enforcement deputies will be looking for motorists who are not wearing seat belts or are wearing them improperly. They will also be looking for children who are not properly secured in safety seats.

The fine for either violation is \$77.00

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